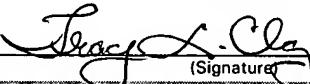


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Specification, Claims, and Abstract (11 pages).

Informal drawings (5 sheets, Figures 1A,1B,2A,2B,2C,3,4).

Executed Declaration and Power of Attorney (3 pages).

Assignment of the invention.

Assignment Recordation Cover Sheet.

Small Entity statement.

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Information Disclosure Statement.

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